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COURT.—Yesterday, a list of eight conveyances, admitted to record since the last term of the Court, was presented, and inserted in the minutes.

Wm. F. Padgett, John Muir, Robt. W. Davis, George Bossart and James Fossett were appointed to appraise the estate of the late John Shakes Campbell, and Jas. A. English, Wm. Buckingham, Joseph Stansbury, H. C. Dorsey and Henry Field to appraise the estate of John E. Bruffey.

It was ordered that Justice Payne, of the county, be entered in the classification of justices for December, January, February, June, July and August, and Justice Wunner for March, April, May, September and October terms.

The county levy was made by the Court.—The indebtedness of the county is \$2,940 20, for which a tax of \$2 50 was ordered to be laid on each tytheable.

Several civil cases of no general interest were disposed of, and the Court adjourned till to-day.

The Court to-day has been engaged in the trial of civil cases, of no particular interest to the public.

Samuel Heflebower qualified as administrator of John S. Campbell and J. E. Bruffey.

COMMITTED TO JAIL.—Benj. Potter, of the 108th regiment N. Y. volunteers, was this morning committed to the county jail charged with murder. He was sent in from Fort Lyon, but the particulars we could not learn.

[COMMUNICATED.]

My doctrine in regard to fires and the fire department is, that it is perfectly immaterial as to the "wailing woods," and that people should "never mind the weather so the wind don't blow," irrespective of any "whistling." I have known many a high wind which enveloped several houses in the "fiery ordeal," when not a bit of "whistling" was heard. The proper course is to get all the engines ready that can be obtained, and if a fire should break out, all hands go to work to put it out. There is no particular page or section that lays this down as law, but something very much like it can be found in the book, page 197, section 60.

ROBERT TIEALL.

[COMMUNICATED.]

In the Gazette of Saturday you stated, "a gentleman of this city has a hen which weighs over fourteen pounds." Would it be asking too much for you to state where "that hen" can be seen. You will very much gratify the curiosity of a large portion of this community by giving the name of the fortunate owner, name of street, number of residence, &c.

ROOSTER.

Letters from Nassau, Bahamas, written on 29th of October, state that the Sergeant Major of the 2d (British) West India Regiment had deserted to the Confederate army in the South from the guard-room in which he was confined after his arrest for a former attempt to join the Davis forces. Yellow fever had subsided, after taking off by death the Protestant Bishop, his three nieces, their governess, the Receiver General of the island, and many other victims. The trade of Nassau with the Confederate ports was decreasing.

The United States steam transport United States, which arrived on Saturday night, from Port Royal on the 26th ult., brings the report that just before she sailed a rumor was prevalent that the Savannah ram was coming down the river.

The commission of General Rosecrans, as Major General, has been dated back to the 21st of March, 1862, the time when he ceased to command the Department of Western Virginia. This has been done partly to enable him to outrank the Major Generals who will have to serve under him in his new department.

The Confederate steamer Alabama has, so far, captured 22 vessels—of these 19 were destroyed.

The Washington correspondent of the New York Times declares that it is unquestionable that great apprehensions exist in regard to negro risings in Lower Maryland; and in his letter of the 2d instant adds: The black population is there large; and the Confederate army has been recruited from the whites to an extent most surprising. The citizens left are being drafted into the National service; and the result is that almost the only men left there will be negroes.

The New York Herald reports all sorts of rows and carousings, in that city, on Saturday evening. There were processions, bonfires, bands of music, fights; and all wound up with a murder in the Bowery, and the arrest of a number of people.

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nov 1—1m GEO. GODFREY.

Attack upon Trains at Manassas.

[Correspondence of the Philadelphia Inquirer.]

ALEXANDRIA, November 3.—Most of the accounts relative to the attack upon the train at Manassas have been exaggerated. The following is the true version:—

It was about three o'clock on Friday afternoon when the train passed over Bull Run bridge. It proceeded about a mile beyond, when it was thrown from the track. No obstruction was apparent, and the manner in which the Confederates accomplished the fiendish trick was by cutting off the heads of the spikes which confined the rails in position, and undermining the track.

As the train moved over this spot, the rails flew out of position, and the whole train, consisting of twelve cars was thrown from the track. The engine went down the embankment. Neither the fireman or engineer were killed. The latter however was made prisoner whilst the former escaped.

There were forty soldiers and sixty laborers aboard the train at the time. These were all captured by a company of Prince William county cavalry that emerged from ambush immediately after the train was thrown from the track.

Early next morning a wrecking train started out, and, through the exertions of the workmen, the locomotive was hoisted from the base of the embankment. It was damaged to the extent of \$1000. The cars were hurt in no way. The whole train together with the locomotive, was brought down to Alexandria. It is thought that no one aboard was killed, though a murderous fire was poured upon the train from the carbines of the cavalrymen.

Occupation of Thoroughfare Gap.

[Correspondence of the Philadelphia Inquirer.]

WASHINGTON, Nov. 3.—General Sigel occupied Thoroughfare Gap, without a fight to-day. There has been no battle, but continual skirmishing with Stuart's Cavalry, and small losses on both sides.

Fight at Union, Virginia.

[Correspondence of the Philadelphia Inquirer.]

PURCELLVILLE, Nov. 2.—Another fight took place at this morning near Union. The enemy made a stand, and was driven from their position. The troops engaged on the Federal side were infantry, cavalry and artillery. The Confederates are supposed to be in force at Union under General Lee.

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